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Total number of vessels inspected during April, 1900, 34; total number of bills of health issued during April, 1900, 32; number of vessels in quarantine during April, 1900, 2; number of passengers whose baggage was disinfected during April, 1900, 2; number of vaccination certificates stamped during April, 1900, 4; number of vessels inspected during April, 1899, 27; number of vessels which sailed during April, 1899, 32; number of immigrants inspected during April, 1900, 12.

PONCE, P. R., *May 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended May 5, 1900. Also mortality statistics for the past two weeks. The number of deaths from diseases of the digestive apparatus are greater than ever before known here.

Some days ago I made a flying trip to San Juan to consult with Assistant Surgeon Lavinder in regard to several quarantine matters. One hundred and twenty-nine more emigrants left this port for Daiquiri, Cuba.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service,*

*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce Jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during two weeks ended May 5, 1900.*

*Infectious diseases.*—La grippe, 12; malarial fever, 12; tuberculosis, 11; dysentery, 7; tetanus, 2; septicæmia, 1; diseases of the digestive apparatus, 80; diseases of the respiratory system, 11; diseases of the circulatory system, 3; diseases of the nervous system, 6; other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.), 36. Total, 181. Births during the same period, 47.

*Report from San Juan.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., *May 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit monthly report of the operations of the Service at this port and the 5 subports of the island for April, 1900:

During the month there were 92 deaths and 68 births reported. The usual list of the causes of death is inclosed herewith.

Forty-three vessels were inspected, 3 of which were held, viz, the Spanish steamers *Cataluna*, which arrived on April 3, *Rabat* on April 10, and *Isla de Panay* on April 19. The two former were from Havana direct, while the latter was by way of Central and South American ports.

They were allowed to transact their business in quarantine under the supervision of our guard boat. The *Rabat* remained in port for forty-eight hours, and a guard of 2 attendants was kept on board day and night. Three nonimmune passengers from the *Cataluna* were detained at the Miraflores station to complete the five day period. Forty-four immigrants were inspected and passed during the month at this port, and one at the port of Mayaguez. The issuance of certificates of vaccination has been discontinued as the necessity therefor is no longer apparent.

The new civil governor, Hon. Charles H. Allen, arrived on the U. S. S. *Dolphin* on April 27, and was received with appropriate ceremonies.

The weather is now much warmer and the rainy season is about to begin. The health of this city and vicinity continues fair and there are no contagious diseases.

The officers in charge of the subports report their respective localities free from quarantinable diseases. Nothing unusual is reported in regard to shipping. During the month 10 vessels were inspected at Mayaguez, 7 at Humacao, 5 at Arroyo, 3 at Arecibo, and 2 at Aguadilla.

For the same period 171 deaths were reported at Mayaguez, 72 at Arecibo, 56 at Humacao, 40 at Aguadilla, and 16 at Arroyo.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for April, 1900.*

Tetanus infantum, 3; gastric fever, 1; cirrhosis of the liver, 3; cancer of the liver, 1; enteritis, 13; la grippe, 1; broncho-pneumonia, 3; pulmonary tuberculosis, 10; internal hemorrhage, 1; cardiac lesion, 4; erysipelas, 2; mitral insufficiency, 3; old age, 4; bronchitis, 2; typhoid fever, 2; measles, 1; athrepsia, 4; anæmia, 5; cachexiæ, 1; gastric catarrh, 1; cancer of uterus, 1; rachitis, 5; pleurisy, 1; acute encephalitis, 1; pulmonary congestion, 1; pernicious fever, 2; aortic aneurism, 1; cerebral congestion, 1; acute diarrhea, 3; diabetes, 1; epilepsy, 1; entero-colitis, 3; meningitis, 1; nephritis, 1; neoplasma, 1; malaria, 1; peritonitis, 1; syphilis, 1; total, 92.

1899.—Births, 64; deaths, 72.

1900.—Births, 68; deaths, 92.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

SOCIETY ISLANDS.

*Quarantine against Honolulu and Noumea.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information a copy of a dispatch from the consul of the United States at Tahiti, stating the nature of the quarantine regulations enforced in the Society Islands on account of the outbreak of bubonic plague at Noumea and Honolulu.

The consul has been informed that the outbreak at Honolulu has entirely subsided.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,  
*Secretary of State.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TAHITI, February 28, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that owing to the outbreak of bubonic plague at Noumea and Honolulu, and a fear that the disease may be brought into these islands, very strict quarantine measures are enforced here.

All the ports of the colony except Papeete have been closed until further orders. All vessels arriving here must first anchor in quarantine, even though they are provided with clean bills of health. They are detained from twelve to forty-eight hours. Cargo arriving in transit from an infected port is subjected to disinfection.

Respectfully,

J. LAMB DOTY,  
*United States Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.